

New Web resource for vendors seeking state contracts

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DOVER -- The state has started a new Web-based resource for vendors seeking to bid on state contracts, the Vendor Subscription Service.

The service, announced Wednesday by Gov. Jack Markell, complements the state's central bid portal, www.bids.delaware.gov, which launched in June.

"This new online resource will send subscribers the exact information they need to bid on a state contract for the products and services they offer, which will increase their economic development opportunities," Markell said.

The vendor subscription service launched Aug. 1 and alerts subscribers to specific bid solicitations as soon as they are posted on the portal site.

When a business registers online to receive bid solicitations through the subscription service, the vendor will enter a standardized code that correlates to the service or product it provides. The vendor receives an email from the subscription service when a bid solicitation becomes available.

The subscription service is available on the Office of Management and Budget web site at <http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/contracting/vendorap.shtml>.

Beginning Sept. 1, the Government Support Services Contracting Unit will use the vendor subscription service as the sole resource for vendors to receive announcements of bid solicitations.